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To: All Supervisors, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau

From: Joe Magats, ASA, Deputy Chief, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau *JM*

Re: Chicago Police Officer Joseph E. Avila, Star# 17883, 8th District

Date: July 12, 2011

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It has been brought to the office's attention that Chicago Police Officer Joseph E. Avila, Star# 17883, 8th District has been charged with Aggravated Assault under Case No. 11 DV 74883. Our office is the prosecuting authority in Officer Avila's case. The case is currently pending in Domestic Violence Court, Branch 60 in Chicago and is next up on July 22, 2011. As you are all well aware, the fact that any witness that we are calling to testify has a pending criminal case must be disclosed to the defense.

If you or any of the assistants that you supervise have a case where you are calling Officer Avila as a witness, the fact that Officer Avila has a pending case must be disclosed to the defense prior to trial. The MIS Department is doing a computer search to see whether Officer Avila is a

witness on any pending felony cases. Once I have the results of that search, I will forward them to each of you. Please don't call MIS to have another list run. Units that do not have a computer case management system will have to check their files to determine whether Officer Avila is a witness.

If you or the assistants that you supervise have a case where Officer Avila is a witness and you determine that he is a necessary witness and needs to be called in the case, and, at the time that Officer Avila is testifying his case is still pending, please file and tender to the defense the attached Notice of Disclosure prior to trial. None of the ASAs that you supervise are to file the notice without your prior knowledge and specific approval. An electronic copy of the Notice of Disclosure will be sent to you.

If you or your ASAs have any questions, please call me. Thank you.

Assistant State's Attorney